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Congress ills stem from faulty practice: Gupta

Varanasi, Sept. 25 (PTI)—Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister C. B. Gupta said here yesterday that the "greatest tragedy" which had "enveloped" the Congress mind today was a contradiction in profession and practice.

"If we take a pledge in the Gandhi Centenary Year to put into practice what we preach, we could solve many problems and make the State prosperous," he told Congress workers here.

In a passing reference to the Presidential elections, he said to describe those who voted for Mr V. V. Giri as "progressive" and disrupt the unity of the Congress.

He said no Congressman would benefit such a tendency.

The bank nationalisation was according to the declared policies of the Congress to usher in an era of new social order and build a socialistic pattern of society.

Mr Gupta added nationalisation itself would not help, unless the Government changed its outlook in selecting the category to which the help should be given. More funds should be made available to farmers and small-scale industries.

Later, addressing a gathering after unveiling the portrait of the late Dr Sampurnanand, Mr Gupta said that a "Hindi Corporation" would be set up soon to solve the problem of scarcity of books in different subjects for graduate and post-graduate classes.

He called upon the Hindi-speaking States to co-operate in this effort.

Mr Gupta also released the sixth volume of the Hindi 'Shabd Sagar' prepared by the Kashi Nagari Pracharini Sabha. It contains nearly 19,000 words.

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Nijalingappa defends Govt. handling: riots

By A Staff Reporter

MR. S Nijalingappa. Congress President on Thursday stoutly defended the Gujarat Government's handling of the riots in the State.

He said that some people in India and outside wanted to make capital out of the unfortunate happenings and were trying to show that the Government had been warned and had not acted in time.

He particularly referred to a report in the *Pravda* which attributed the incident to reactionary elements in the country. This indulgence of expressing opinion in another country's affairs was unbecoming. "We are not dumb cattle and we cannot be indifferent to such statements," he said.

The Congress Chief said the Gujarat Ministry was as good as any in the country. He congratulated the Chief Minister and his colleagues for the splendid work they were doing under pressure. He hoped that Mr. Morarji Desai's fast would bring an end to the trouble.

PARTY AFFAIRS

Mr. Nijalingappa was addressing a meeting of the Bombay Pradesh Congress Committee, attended among others by the MPCC president, two Ministers of the Maharashtra Government and Mr. S. K. Patil.

Admission to the meeting, held at Congress House, was strictly by invitation.

Referring to the recent happenings in the Congress, Mr. Nijalingappa said the past was forgotten and forgiven but it had to be seen that such things never happened again.

He said: "We have differed, we have quarrelled, we have unduely indulged in some things which should not have been done, but if anybody indulges in such things again, we have to see that he is removed from the party."

The day Congressmen had defected from the virtue of discipline, he had not been able to sleep. It had been a most sad day in his life and in the life of all Congress members.

The credit for resolving the differences and keeping the party united went to his senior colleagues like Mr. Patil, who had realised the situation had and considered the practical side.

TESTING TIME

He said the happenings had left certain after effects as could be seen in Manipur. Congress workers there were saying that they were being guided by conscience. He personally did not understand what conscience was in politics. He felt that it was more a question of convenience.

Mr. Nijalingappa told the members that it was a testing time for the party when it had to be decided whether it could afford to neglect discipline and thereby liquidate itself.

There were people who wanted to divide the Congress and fish in troubled waters. People were making every effort to say that some members did not agree to the bank nationalisation when the entire party had agreed to it.

The party, he said, did not interfere in the day-to-day affairs of the Government. He was against it when he was the Chief Minister and he was against it now.

But the policies and principles were laid down by the party and it had the right to see that the Government implemented them.

Mr. Nijalingappa was welcomed by Mr. A. K. Hafizka, president of the BPCC. Mr. Mukundrao Patil, vice-president, proposed a vote of thanks.

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SN's firm warning on indiscipline

BOMBAY, Sept. 25 (UNI)

Congress President S. Nijalingappa today warned that if anybody committed breach of discipline again, he would be removed from the party.

"Let us forget and forgive what has happened, but if anyone again indulged in breach of discipline he will cease to be a member of the organisation," he added.

Addressing a meeting of the Bombay Pradesh Congress Committee, Mr. Nijalingappa said he did not want to say anything about the things that had happened during the last two months but pointed out that the Congress could not afford to neglect discipline.

Referring to the fall of the Congress Ministry in Manipur, Mr. Nijalingappa said: "This is what conscience can drive to".

Convenience

Posing the question what was conscience, Mr. Nijalingappa said: "It is a question of convenience. If we stress conscience too far, we will have to wind up the Congress. The country cannot afford to do it".

Referring to bank nationalisation, the Congress President said the AICC had taken a decision on the subject and it had been included in the 10-point programme adopted by the party earlier. Some persons made an effort to say that they did not agree with this step. "Who are these people? I cannot understand anybody going against it. "The credit for this step went to the organisation.

Mr. Nijalingappa said socialism was the most abused term. There could be 500 definitions of socialism. According to him, democratic socialism meant eliminating poverty, making life richer and fuller and ending concentration of power.

He said attempts were being made to accuse "whoever you do not like" as reactionary and syndicate. He did not know what was the syndicate, who were its members and who founded it.

He challenged those who said it to show that there was a syndicate. Those who wanted to divide the Congress were using terms like syndicate. This was irresponsible talk and it was high time that such talk ceased. He blamed the Communists for such talks.

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Kamaraj on men behind riots

MADRAS, Sept. 25 (UNI)

Former Congress ' President K. Kamaraj said here yesterday that the Manipur riots were incited by those who wanted to create confusion among the good-hearted people.

Addressing a party meeting here last night Mr. Kamaraj wondered how the good-natured people of Manipur could indulge in such violence.

Sucheta plea

RAICHUR: Mrs. Sucheta Kripalani, MP, has appealed to the Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi to work hard to uphold democracy in the country instead of trying to become a shallow dictator by playing with the emotions of the poor people of the country.

Addressing a public meeting here yesterday organised by the District Congress Committee, she said that bank nationalisation was introduced by the Prime Minister without much preparation "just to oust" Mr. Morarji Desai. Under "the guise of freedom of vote", she said, the Prime Minister "did everything to oust the Congress candidate, Mr. Sanjiva Reddy."

Mrs. Kripalani said that so far "casteism" was practised only in States. "But now it has spread to the Centre also."